



## The Toonies - Fun and Interactive Musical Comedies ...

... for the whole family!

### BIO/MEDIA Sheet

***"TRICIA & the TOONIES are a treat! Fast-paced and fun!  
Captivating ... Great music ... Professional" – MN State Fair!***

**Tricia & The Toonies** is a unique mixture of music, puppets, skits and laughter, which has made it one of the most talked about family stage shows in the Midwest. Critics young and young-at-heart highly acclaim this exciting, interactive and fun-filled musical experience. Tricia Haynes, the creator and co-star of this talented troupe, strongly believes in the power of music and laughter to entertain, inspire and bring people together in fun. Captivating audiences of all ages, these gifted, skillful and experienced performers generate healthy-minded kids and joy-filled families!

Ms. Haynes has been a full time, professional singer, actress, songwriter and producer for more than twenty years performing across North America. She has starred in dinner theater and night clubs, on radio, television and in film. In the 90's she created a colorful puppet troupe called The Toonies which quickly grew into a full time position. Musician/comedian Pete Cappello relocated from Los Angeles in 1992 to join Tricia, bringing his love for kids, musical talents, quick-wit and many fun character voices to ***The Toonies FAMILY FUN Show***. Their combined mix of great music, personality and comedy began its sojourn reaching thousands of kids and their families bringing laughter and joy, year after year.

Tricia & Pete also bring their many years on stage together to a fun and lively variety band, ***DECADES Duo*** which features their talents on digital keyboard, guitar, banjo and vocals. Their choice of uplifting songs span a wide range of everyone's favorite songs from 1900 through the 1970s. Great for "boomer and senior" audiences!

The Toonies have a huge commitment to the earth's sustainability and stewardship. These talented two performers offer environmental shows, ***The Toonies ENVIRO-Show*** throughout the year, touring schools, fairs, promotions and other community events while sharing timely and vital information. They reached more than 8000 students during The Toonies' ENVIRO-tour last spring and tens of thousands during their run at state and county fairs last summer. All ages laugh and sing along while learning more about resources, recycling and caring for the environment. Tricia wrote and produced an environmental musical for the **Mall of America**, where she directed and starred with **Sesame Street's ELMO™**.

The Toonies have also been State Spokes-puppets for Trees (Arbor Month). You've probably heard Tricia and her Trees singing about Arbor Month on the radio. She's written and recorded Public Service Announcements for the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Forestry. You'll also find Tricia hanging around with pre-historic creatures! She has spent years volunteering for CEA, an environmental center in the western Caribbean that works to save the Meso-American Reef (2<sup>nd</sup> longest in the world) and all its precious creatures! During turtles nesting season, you'll find Tricia scuba diving and snorkeling with them and their buddies - manta rays, barracudas, sharks and the spotted eagle ray!

The Toonies' greatest joy is contributing to the growth and positive development of today's children and their families. This is evident in their nationally acclaimed CDs, fabulous DVD, and in each and every one of their delightful live performances. The Toonies' CD, ***Faces*** and their family-friendly DVD, ***A Valentine Adventure*** both received rave reviews. The **School Library Journal** said, "*Tricia's voice is wonderful and unique...the puppets add variety and humor*" Regarding the DVD, **SJL** wrote, "*A talented cast...well-crafted puppets...entertaining! A fabulous addition to any DVD collection!*" Tricia & The Toonies were nominated for the MINNESOTA MUSIC AWARD.

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